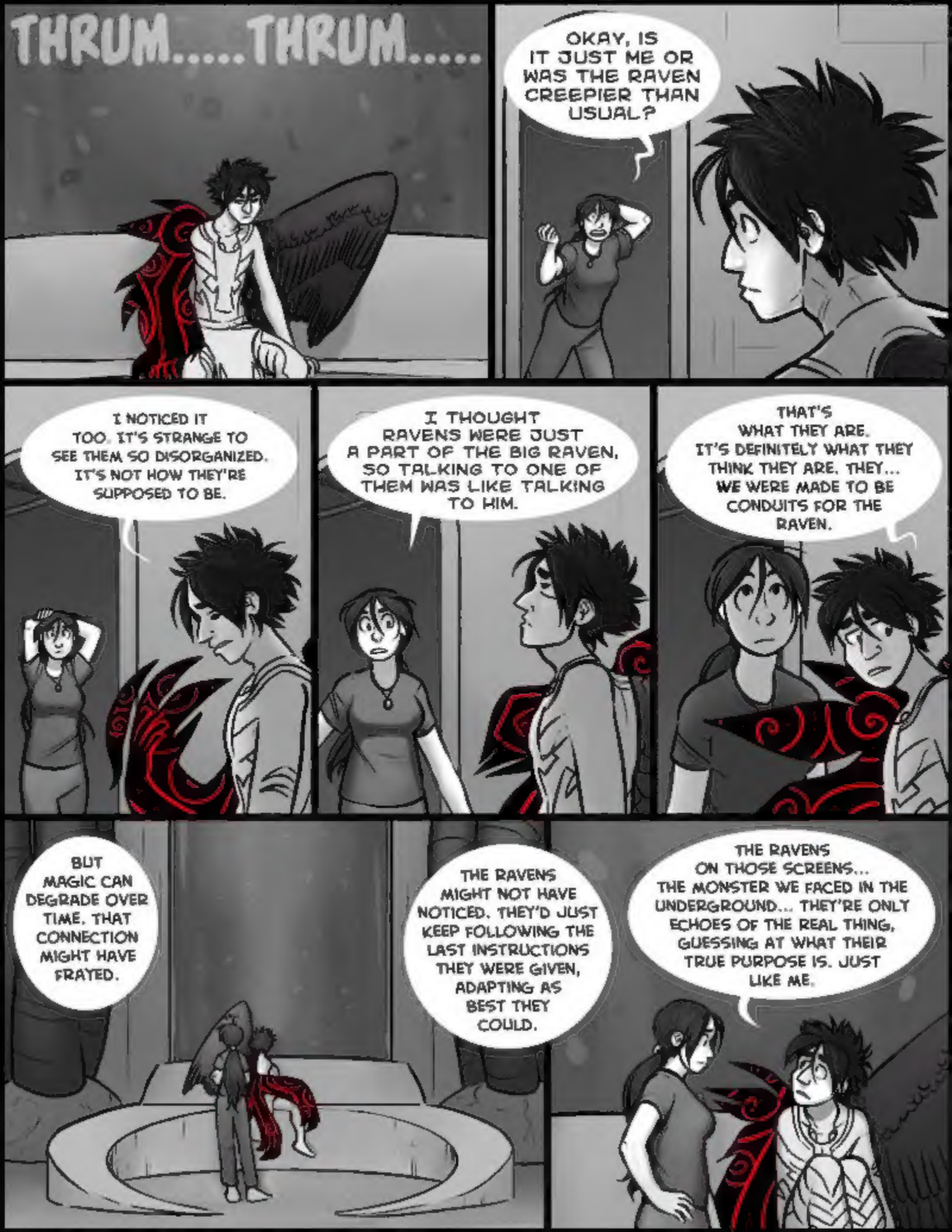
THRUM.....THRUM.....
OKAY, IS IT JUST ME OR WAS THE RAVEN CREEPIER THAN USUAL?
I NOTICED IT TOO. IT'S STRANGE TO SEE THEM SO DISORGANIZED. IT'S NOT HOW THEY'RE SUPPOSED TO BE.
I THOUGHT RAVENS WERE JUST A PART OF THE BIG RAVEN, SO TALKING TO ONE OF THEM WAS LIKE TALKING TO HIM.
THAT'S WHAT THEY ARE. IT'S DEFINITELY WHAT THEY THINK THEY ARE. THEY... WE WERE MADE TO BE CONDUITS FOR THE RAVEN.
BUT MAGIC CAN DEGRADE OVER TIME. THAT CONNECTION MIGHT HAVE FRAYED.
THE RAVENS MIGHT NOT HAVE NOTICED. THEY'D JUST KEEP FOLLOWING THE LAST INSTRUCTIONS THEY WERE GIVEN, ADAPTING AS BEST THEY COULD.
THE RAVENS ON THOSE SCREENS... THE MONSTER WE FACED IN THE UNDERGROUND... THEY'RE ONLY ECHOES OF THE REAL THING, GUESSING AT WHAT THEIR TRUE PURPOSE IS. JUST LIKE ME.

NO! NOT LIKE YOU! IF ANYTHING THIS PROVES HOW DIFFERENT YOU ARE FROM THEM!
YOU BROKE THE PATTERN! YOU BECAME A NEW PERSON.
WHEN YOU HAD A CHANCE TO MAKE A CHOICE, YOU CHOSE TO HELP US!
BUT WHAT IF I MAKE A WRONG CHOICE? SO FAR IT'S BEEN NOTHING BUT UNSTABLE CHANGING SCENARIOS AND UNANSWERED QUESTIONS.
YEAH, WELL, WELCOME TO THE HUMAN CLUB. PICK UP YOUR FREE EXISTENTIAL CRISIS AT THE DOOR.
BEING A SPIRIT WAS SO MUCH SIMPLER. I HAD MY PURPOSE, I HAD MY MASTER. NOW... IT'S STRANGE AND UNCOMFORTABLE, BUT I'M FINDING NEW THINGS TO HOLD TO. THINGS THAT REALLY MATTER.
REALLY? LIKE WHAT?

OH.
S-SORRY.
I THOUGHT... BUT I SEE NOW I SHOULDN'T HAVE.
I CAN NEVER READ THESE SITUATIONS! IT'S ALWAYS THE WRONG PLACE, THE WRONG TIME. OR JUST NOT ENOUGH TIME.
IF I COULD JUST... I...
OH.
SCRITCH SCRITCH
YOU'RE WORTH MY TIME. I WANT TO SPEND IT WITH YOU.
HOWEVER MUCH WE HAVE LEFT.

SO WHAT'S IT ALL MADE OF?
A form of plastic, made using synthetic and organic materials and built using magic and machinery.
OKAY.... WHAT'S PALASTICK?
CAN YOU GO UNDER WATER?
WHAT IS THIS PLACE? SOME KIND OF BAR?
Look Credenza!
They've got these fun swivel seats!

THIS PLACE IS AMAZING!
SOME OF THE STUFF THEY HAVE HERE IS STILL GOOD TO DRINK!
MAYBE WHEN I GET BACK TO PAPER ISLAND I SHOULD BECOME A BAR TENDER. ALTHOUGH, I DOUBT ANY TAVERN WOULD BE AS NEAT AS THIS.
CRUNCHLE
RED BUBBLY MYSTERY DRINK OR GREEN BUBBLY MYSTERY DRINK?
RED!
?
TIK TIK
PSHHT!

HA HA HA HA HA HA *WHEEZE*
OOP!
HEE HEE HEE
YOU BRAT!
I THOUGHT YOU WERE SUPPOSED TO BE THE ADULT!
I AM AN ADULT! I'M JUST A FUN ADULT!
CREDENZA? THE OTHER HEIRS AND I HAVE BEEN TALKING ABOUT SOMETHING.
WE'VE GOT A DIFFICULT TASK AHEAD OF US, AND I'VE NEVER BEEN ONE TO PROCRASTINATE.
WE'RE SITTING ON TOP OF THE RAVEN, AND I INTEND TO FREE HIM. AND THEN WE'RE GONNA KICK HIS BUTT.

YOU WANT TO FIGHT THE RAVEN? JUST WHEN WE'VE ESCAPED HIS ARMY?
CREDENZA, YOU SEE THAT HUNK OVER THERE? I'M GOING TO MARRY THAT HUNK AND HAVE GORGEOUS RED-HEADED, FRECKLED, SHARK BABIES.
I'M NOT GOING TO LET SOME BIRD SPIRIT STUCK IN A FOX HOLE THREATEN THE FUTURE OF MY BROTHERS, MY HUSBAND, MY CHILDREN, OR MY CHILDREN'S CHILDREN. AND SO LONG AS THE RAVEN STILL LIVES, AND HIS ARMY WANDERS THIS EARTH, THEY ARE A THREAT TO THAT FUTURE.
Even if we lived our whole lives running and hiding, they'd just go after the next generation of heirs.
WE'RE ALL HERE. WHY NOT FIGHT HIM ON OUR TERMS?
IF WE WAIT UNTIL WE'RE IN A CITY TO FIGHT, INNOCENT PEOPLE MIGHT GET HURT!
I WANT TO END THIS AS MUCH AS YOU GUYS.
BUT I DON'T WANT TO RISK YOUR LIVES. IF THERE'S SOME WAY WE COULD BE SURE...
THERE ISN'T.

YOU SAW HOW SCARED THE RAVENS WERE. THE HEIRS ARE A THREAT TO THEIR CREATOR. ONE THEY'RE NOT SURE HE CAN FACE.
BETWEEN THE HEIRS' POWERS AND THE NECKLACE DRAGONFLY GAVE YOU, IF WE CAN'T DESTROY HIM, THEN NO ONE CAN.
WE'RE NOT ASKING YOU TO CHOOSE WHETHER WE FIGHT OR NOT. BUT WE WANT YOUR SUPPORT ON THIS. YOU'VE LED US HERE, BY OUR OWN FREE WILL, WITH THE CHANCE TO USE OUR POWERS FOR GOOD.
I THINK THAT'S WHY THE NECKLACE CAME TO YOU. SO WE CAN FINISH WHAT DRAGONFLY STARTED.
RIGHT.
THEN LET'S FINISH THIS.

THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
Hold still, Clair! We need to put your armor on!
YOU MUST BE HAPPY THAT YOU'RE GONNA GET YOUR PAYMENT NOW.
WHAT?
BACK WHEN YOU FIRST JOINED US, YOU SAID YOUR PRICE WOULD BE THAT YOU GOT TO KILL THE BIG BIRD YOURSELF.
SO NOW YOU'RE GONNA GET YOUR CHANCE! AND YOU'LL BE PAID FOR ALL THE TIME YOU SPENT WITH US.

WELL, YES, I'D STILL LIKE THAT... BUT THINGS HAVE CHANGED SINCE THEN.
FOR ONE THING, IF SOMEONE SEES A CHANCE AND TAKES THE RAVEN DOWN, I WON'T BEGRUDGE THEM THAT.
RAVEN DESTRUCTION GETS PRIORITY OVER MY 'PRICE'.
TO BE HONEST, AFTER EVERYTHING THAT'S HAPPENED... MY OWN VENGEANCE DOESN'T SEEM IMPORTANT ANYMORE.
NOT COMPARED WITH EVERYTHING THAT'S HAPPENED TO ME SINCE THEN.
TSRAKT!
I UNDERSTAND, RAVEN.
I'VE CHANGED TOO.